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Applicant: O. Such Attorney Docket No. MSFT117208
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Title: RECYCLABLE LOCKING FOR MULTI-THREADED
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS/
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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A. Appeal

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decisions dated September 24, 2002; December 31, 2002; and March 14, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-20.

The required fee of appeal fee \$320 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 24, 2002, and for filing this appeal, set to expire on February 24, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on March 24, 2003. The required 1-month-extension fee of \$110 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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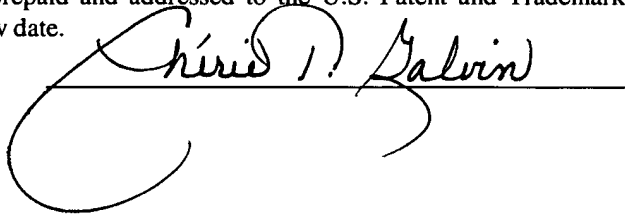
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